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Cape Tribune.—Ernest Hitt was thrown from his horse while driving some cattle through the streets of this city, and for several seconds was in an unconscious condition. Mr. Hitt, in company with Louis Siemens, both farmers from the Gordonville neighborhood, was bringing a herd of cattle to the market in this city. When they entered the populous section of the town, the cattle became frightened, and began to run in different directions. Mr. Hitt gave chase to some that were straying from the herd and when he reached the car track, his horse stopped abruptly, throwing him forward on to the rock street.

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**FROM NEW HAMBURG.**  
Sunday was Grandma Strack's 80th birthday and her children prepared to surprise her. She is making her home with the family of her son Joseph, at Schererville, and all of her living children were present except Charles, who is in Oklahoma. A splendid dinner was prepared and the mother was presented with a comfortable easy chair. Grandma Strack was born in Germany in 1835 and came to this country with her parents in 1847. She is a sister to Vincent Heisecker and her father was Anton Heisecker. January 22, 1856, she was married to Anton Strack by Father Leo at the Catholic church here. Her husband died in 1887. To them were born twelve children, six of whom survive, viz: Anton, Josephine (Mrs. Martin Glatteier), Joseph, Charles, Lawrence and Phillip. There are 27 grand-children and six great-grand-children.

On Saturday evening quite a little crowd surprised Mrs. Albert Goetz, as it was her 27th birthday. Among those present were Louis Goetz and family, August Claus and family, Leo and Lawrence Bucher and their families, Frank Kern, wife and little daughter, Hilda, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blatt and baby, Louis Schitter and family, Chas. Dumei and sons, David Westrich, Chas. Ziegler, Wendell Bucher, Jos. Urbahn, Ben Westrich, Phillip LeGrand, Willie and Henry Claus, and Leo Morie. David Westrich and Leo Blatt furnished some fine music.

Charles Pieser and Miss Allagunda Petz were married here Tuesday by Rev. C. Moenig, Lawrence and Frank Pieser acted as best men, and the Misses Lizzie Petz and Josephina LeGrand were bridesmaids. We extend best wishes. They will leave for a wedding trip to Poplar Bluff Wednesday.

Misses Katherine Austin, Grace Ferguson, Sybilla, Dora and Christine Diebold, Corina Robert and Katie Kraft, and Portie Hutton, Moreland Ford, Fred Williams, Otto Diebold, Ben Drury and Theophil Scherer visited the Chas. Bertrand family near Benton Sunday. Geo. Reinagle walked from Bleda to Schererville Saturday to be present at the reunion at Joe Strack's Sunday. Grandma Strack is his mother-in-law. George looks well and seems to grow younger as he reads the Kicker.

August, Theodore, Willie, Frank and Dora Goetz, Jos. Urbahn, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glatteier and little sons, Leon, Theon and Paul spent Sunday with the family of August Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Diebold, Leo Compas and wife, and Chas. Ziegler spent a pleasant evening at Cape, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Wednesdays Kate Curd and Jennie Goodwin visited at Cape Girardeau Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Eva Holston of Cairo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hackett.

Mrs. Fisher, who has been visiting at Commerce, has returned. Miss Jessie Ellis visited at Commerce Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crites are visiting at Diehlstadt.

Miss Ella Yeakle of Chaffee visited here Monday.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cox is sick.

**FROM ORAN.**  
Uncle Jim spent Monday night at Benton. It is rumored here that he went over to meet with the down and out club to see if some plan could not be devised by which the "two Republican judges" could be linked up with the more than \$30,000 muddle in the accounts of the drainage districts. This seems to be a very bitter pill, and up to this time, the Kicker has had a monopoly on telling the people about it.

Monday Tony Burger invited his neighbors to an old fashioned log rolling at his place. Tony is batching, and if the women knew what a good cook he is, they would steal him. For dinner he had ham, chicken, vegetables and all kinds of home grown canned fruit, and the "coffee" was drawn from a keg. The visitors were well entertained and hoped Tony would have log rollings oftener.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Strack of Jonesboro, Ark., arrived here Saturday for a very brief visit with relatives and friends of the county. They were met here by his brother, Lawrence, who took them to Schererville, where the mother lives with the family of Joe Strack. It was the 80th birthday of the mother and her children gathered to congratulate her.

Victor Heisecker, one of our progressive farmers, was at Jackson last week and bought a short-horn male.

Much corn is being planted and the acreage will be very large if weather conditions permit.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dunn died of tonsillitis and was buried Friday.

Anton LeGrand of Benton was here in his new car Saturday. Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

**FROM BRYEANS DISTRICT.**  
Our school closed Friday night with an entertainment by the pupils under the direction of our able teacher, Prof. Maintz. The crowd was the largest ever gathered at Bryeans school, being estimated at 400, and all were pleased. Prof. Maintz has proved a successful teacher, and the big boys have learned that he runs the school. Some former teachers were unable to convince them of this.

Farmers are busy planting corn and dragging the roads. It is needless to ask what the fellows in town are doing. They are figuring on how to get what we produce without waking us up.

As the harvest season approaches the price of wheat falls. By July it will be about right to keep the farmer from becoming too extravagant.

**FROM MORLEY.**  
The Misses Ruth Harris and Gladys Lee, who are attending school at Cape, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

**FROM FORTNELL.**  
Several new dwellings are going up. We have grown so that the two school buildings are no longer sufficient to accommodate all of the children. Just wait till these panicky times slip by, and watch us come to the front.

Thursday night the high school will hold their closing exercises in the Methodist church. Friday night the grammar school pupils will give an entertainment at the same place. The two programs will be very interesting.

The Misses Mae and Johnnie McCutcheon and Annie and Dana Schriever and Dr. and Mrs. Hutton were Commerce visitors Sunday.

Tony Baudendist spent two days in Perryville at the bedside of his brother-in-law, Eberhardt Lott, who is very sick.

Jim Gill is remodeling the interior of his saloon. After putting in a concrete floor he will add new fixtures.

The school children and some of the teachers were out picnicking Monday and Tuesday and had a nice time.

Miss Genevieve Proffitt has returned home to New Madrid, after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. Amos.

John Brewster of Stoddard Co. is visiting his brother-in-law, George Schroeder.

Prof. Bowman has accepted a position as teacher at the Normal. Our school will send six eighth gradates to Benton Saturday.

Miss Myrna Vancil is attending the Summer Normal at Cape.

Mrs. J. W. Allen is visiting in Jackson.

**FROM COMMERCE.**  
Horace Sewell, colored, returned from the penitentiary Friday, after serving ten years. He was paroled to L. A. Reynolds. Horace was sentenced in October, 1905 for 20 years. He was accused of having killed an Illinois negro at a dance here, but it seems the evidence against him was of a doubtful character. The trial was at Benton and H. E. Alexander of Cape was Sewell's attorney. A plea of not guilty was entered and during the trial Alexander lost his nerve and feared his client would get the death penalty. So he arranged with the prosecuting attorney for a plea of guilty and 20 years. After the jurors were discharged several of them are said to have expressed themselves to the effect that they would not have found the defendant guilty on the evidence submitted.

J. Murry is recovering slowly from a second attempt at suicide. He has been sick so long that he tried again to end his suffering Sunday by cutting his throat, but the good and patient wife who watches over him frustrated the attempt.

Jo E Ellis returned Saturday from a visit to Denver, Colo., accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Susan Gaither.

H. W. Dodge and daughter, Miss Julia, returned to St. Louis Saturday accompanied by Mary Lois Heuchan.

Rev. Bennett will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday to the graduates of our school.

James Ranney and Miss Irene Kendall of Sikeston visited relatives here last week.

Fred Abbot and little daughter Dorothy spent the week end at Oran with relatives.

Mrs. L. A. Reynolds, Mart Stroud and Ella Old were at Cape last week.

Mrs. Price and cousin are visiting their uncle, Wm. Simmons and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Blackledge and Chas. Wylie were at Cape Saturday.

Ed. Johnson and Will Rains are recovering from slight illness.



**SIR ARCADIAN No. 45064.**  
Is a dark bay, 16 hands high, 8 years old this spring, and is a standard bred, registered trotter. He was sired by Echo Bell, record, 2:21 3-4, son of Allerton, 2:09 1-4, sire of Laconia, 2:02 1-2. Second dam, Beautiful Belle, 2:29 1-4, dam of 11 standard performers. Sir Arcadian will stand at my barn, half mile south of Redman, during the season of 1915.

Terms—To insure, \$10; money due as the fact is ascertained, or the mare sold, traded or removed from the county. Colt held as security for service fee. Care will be taken to prevent accident but will not be responsible should any occur. S. W. DAVIS, Owner.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given to creditors and others interested in the estate of Julius Albrecht, dec'd, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the probate court of Scott county, Missouri, to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Benton, said county and state, on the 2nd Monday in May, 1915.

J. W. ALBRECHT, Administrator.

**Barrels of Money**  
TO LOAN ON IMPROVED FARMS IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI. Ten-year Loans, with interest payable annually. E. D. HOFFMAN, SIKESTON AND CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Thomas Hawkins deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Judge of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., in vacation bearing date the sixth day of March, 1915.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred. THOS. E. HAWKINS, 8-20-8-4t. Executor.

The work season is now here for farmers and they will want the news in brief. Get the Kicker.

**George Stehr**  
Has Opend Up a New  
**Blacksmith and Wagon Shop**  
On his Lot, Opposite Public School, Oran.  
I am prepared to do all kinds of work in my line at reasonable prices. Horse-Shoeing a specialty.  
**GEORGE STEHR, ORAN**

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